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Attorney Docket No. 9242.0178

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John C. SMITH

Application No.: 10/023,713

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: REINFORCED TIGHT-BUFFERED
OPTICAL FIBER AND CABLES
MADE WITH SAME

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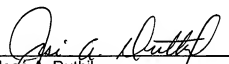
Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of April 5, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the Extension is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$110.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, the period for response having been extended to August 5, 2004 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please reexamine and reconsider the Application in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, claims 1-22 were pending in this case.

A listing of claims is included in this paper. Remarks follow the listing of claims section of this paper.